

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b). Foreign exchange budget amounting to Rs. 4545 crores has been allocated during the current year for imports of fertilizers, fertilizer raw-materials and intermediates. This includes a sum of Rs. 650 crores for imports from rupee payment areas.

(c) Fertilizers are distributed to the farmers at the notified prices and no distinction is made between the indigenous and imported fertilizers for the purpose of subsidy. However, to exempt small and marginal farmers from the latest increase in prices with effect from 14.8.1991, a Central Sector Scheme on Fertilizer Subsidy to Small and Marginal Farmers has been introduced. A total amount of Rs. 405.00 crores has been earmarked for this purpose during current year.

[Translation]

Sewerage Facilities in Himachal Pradesh

1094. SHRI KRISHAN DUTT SULTANPURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Himachal Pradesh Government has submitted any proposal for maintaining the cleanliness of the cities and for provision of sewerage facilities therein; and

(b) the details of the assistance sought by the State Government for provision of sewerage facilities in Simla, Solan, Nahan, Ponta Sahib, Nalagarh, Jheog, Kumarsen and Roru?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b). The Govt. of Himachal Pradesh has submitted a package proposal for providing water

supply, sewerage, drainage and environmental improvement of urban slums in six towns, viz., Shimla, Dharmshala, Mandi, Manali, Chamba and Solan at an estimated cost of Rs. 110.35 crores to the Central Public Health and Environmental Engineering Organisation (CPHEEO) in this Ministry for clearance from technical angle.

No sewerage scheme has been received in respect of Nahan, Ponta Sahib, Nalagarh, Jheog, Kumarsen and Roru.

Proposal from Himachal Pradesh for Electronic Units

1095. SHRI KRISHAN DUTT SULTANPURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the proposal received from the State Government for setting up of Electronic units in Himachal Pradesh during the last two years; and

(b) the amount allocated during the last two years for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No proposal has been received from the State Government for setting up of Electronic units in Himachal Pradesh during the last two years.

(b) Does not arise.

Food grains supplied to Himachal Pradesh

1096. SHRI KRISHAN DUTT SULTANPURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: the quantity of foodgrains such as rice, sugar etc. being supplied to the State Government by the Union Government with the details thereof as at present and during the last one year?